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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Otto Reich  
Office of Public Diplomacy  
Department of State

SUBJECT : Review of Background Paper on Nicaragua

1. We have reviewed the draft paper on Nicaragua carefully both for accuracy and protection of sources and methods. Our comments and changes, which were fairly extensive in the first section, are on the attached draft. Most of the changes were to correct factual errors or to reflect the most recent reporting. [redacted]

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2. Once these changes have been made the paper can be considered declassified. Classification markings should remain on the photographs until they are ready for release. [redacted]

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John N. McMahon  
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

Attachment:

Draft Paper with Changes

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This is the draft paper on Nicaragua we reviewed for accuracy and declassification at the request of Poindexter. I have attached the original request for your information.

Changes were to be sent to Ambassador Reich's office and probably should go over Mr. McMahon's signature. Matthew Freeman in Reich's office tells me they expect our changes, along with State's and DoD's, will result in slowing down the process--and possibly a reconsideration of the value of the exercise.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE GEORGE P. SHULTZ  
The Secretary of State

THE HONORABLE CASPAR W. WEINBERGER  
The Secretary of Defense

✓ THE HONORABLE WILLIAM P. CASEY  
The Director of Central Intelligence

GENERAL JOHN W. VESSEY, JR.  
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

SUBJECT: Publication of Background Paper on Nicaragua (S)

The draft background paper at Tab A has been prepared as part of our effort to educate people to the threat posed by Nicaragua--and their Soviet bloc and Cuban backers. The photos at Tab B are intended to be integrated with the text. (S)

The paper and accompanying photos also provide additional detail on the points made by the President on his April 14 and May 9 addresses--and should be helpful in improving public awareness before the Congress acts on our FY-84/FY-85 Central American Security Assistance program and the Jackson Plan. (S)

The paper has been prepared from both open and intelligence sources. While efforts have been made to assure accuracy and to protect sensitive sources and methods, we should conduct one final review to ensure that the information is correct and that we do no harm to our intelligence collection in its publication. In order that this review can be conducted in a timely manner and so that the paper can be available in the public domain during the week of May 28, the following actions should be undertaken:

- The paper should be reviewed by the DCI to ensure that all portions are appropriately declassified. ✓
- State, Defense, and CIA are requested to review the document for accuracy.

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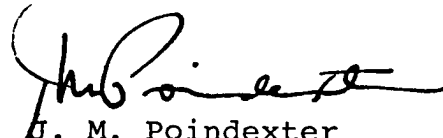
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- The DCI is requested to ensure that the paper and accompanying photographs are appropriately declassified. Until such time as they are so certified, both should be treated as SECRET and retained beneath this cover memorandum.
- Prior arrangement, line-in/line-out changes should be passed to Ambassador Otto Reich, Office of Public Diplomacy, Room 6256, Department of State, telephone: 632-7023.
- Once in final form, the Department of Defense is requested to print the document for public release as a joint State/DOD product.



J. M. Poindexter  
Deputy Assistant to the President  
for National Security Affairs

Attachments

- Tab A - Draft Paper
- Tab B - Photographs

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